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SUBJECT: AMEBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
PERM REP BOTHA, JANUARY 20.

1. AMBMOYNIHAN MET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP BOTHA, JANUARY 20, AT BOTHA'S REQUEST. BOTHA DESCRIBED THE PROMISING PROGRESS WHICH WAS BEING MADE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BY THE VORSTER GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA. IN MOZAMBIQUE, FOR EXAMPLE, PRETORIA HAD SHOWN ITS WILLINGNESS TO SHARE A BORDER WITH A MAOSIT GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH IT HAD LITTLE ELSE IN COMMON. SUCH WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF MUTUAL INTEREST, AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE. CONCERNING
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RHODESIA, THE SAG HAD WITHDRAWN ITS POLICE, HAD ORGANIZED MEETINGS

AMONG SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEADERS, AND HAD ENCOURGED SALISBURY TO FACE REALITIES. IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF CHANGES WERE OCCURRING, AS REFLECTED IN THE RESULTS OF A RECENT POLL CONDUCTED BY VORSTER'S OPPOSITION, WHICH SHOWED TO ITS SURPRISE THAT A MAJORITY OF THOSE URBAN BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA PARTICIPATING IN THE POLL SUPPORTED VORSTER'S PERFORMANCE (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, JANUARY 16, PAGE 3)

2. NOW, DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA WERE JEOPARDIZING ALL THAT PROGRESS. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE BOER WAR, EUROPEAN TROOPS HAD COME TO AFRICA FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLONIZATION. THERE ARE TEN THOUSAND CUBAN INFANTRYMEN NOW IN ANGOLA. AMB MOYNIHAN OBSERVED THAT THE CUBANS WERE RAPIDLY BECOMING MOSCOW'S GURKHAS. BOTHA VOLUNTEERED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA WAS AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE COULD CONFIRM THAT NIGERIA AND GHANA HAD RECEIVED BRIBES FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN RETURN FOR RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. HE ASSUMED THORPE GOT THIS FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE. NEVERTHELESS, THE RESULTS OF THE OAU CONFERENCE IN ADDIS ABABA REPRESENTED, BOTHA BELIEVED, A "GREAT VICTORY".

3. WITHOUT REQUESTING ANY SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE, BOTHA COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN WALVIS BAY (SOUTH AFRICAN TERRITORY) SEEKING HELP, AND THE PROSPECTS ARE THAT ANGOLA WILL FACE A SEVERE FAMINE. THE EFFECT OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES COMING INTO NORTHERN NAMIBIA COULD BE DANGEROUS, SINCE THE NAMIBIANS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE WITH ANGOLANS WHOM THEY MIGHT NOT TRUST POLITICALLY.

4. TURNING TO THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, BOTHA SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF ANGOLA AND THAT, SHOULD THE COUNCIL LABEL ALL INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AS CONSTITUTING A "THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY", SOUTH AFRICA COULD GO ALONG WITH IT; OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, PRETORIA COULD NOT ACCEPT BEING SINGLED OUT, AS IS NOW THE CASE IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE SWAPO DRAFT (USUN 6050 NOTAL). BOTHA DOES NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE UNLESS THE QUESTION OF ANGOLA ARISES. HE ASKED THAT WE, AND IN TURN OTHERS, ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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GRESS BEING MADE AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK; THE SAG'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT WHATEVER MAYBE THE DECISION OF THAT CONFERENCE; PRETORIA'S AGREEMENT TO DEAL WITH THE OAU OR AN OAU SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION AND; SOUTH AFRICA'S READINESS TO RECEIVE OBSERVERS TO THE WINDHOEK PROCEEDINGS.
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